



# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

## 2005 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Recreational Management Measures

NOTE: This table is a summary of proposed and final federal regulations and should be used only as a guide. Final federal regulations are or will be published in the Federal Register and when this occurs, those regulations will be the ones applicable for 2005. Fishermen should also contact state agencies to obtain a complete copy of current state regulations.

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON	HARVEST LIMIT*	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE	SIZE LIMIT	BAG LIMIT
(P) Summer Flounder (Fluke)	state specific	12.12 million pounds	353,917 pounds	state specific	state specific
(P) Scup	Jan. 1-Feb. 28 and Sep. 7-Nov. 30 state specific	4.03 million pounds	303,675 pounds	10" total length state specific	50 fish state specific
(P) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	4.18 million pounds	109,500 pounds	12" total length	25 fish
(P) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	20.35 million pounds	297,750 pounds	none	15 fish
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	15,000 mt	none	none	none

\* Harvest limits not adjusted for research set-aside



BLUEFISH



SUMMER FLOUNDER



LOLIGO SQUID



TILEFISH



MACKEREL



SURFCLAM



SPINY DOGFISH



BLACK SEA BASS



ILLEX SQUID



SCUP



BUTTERFISH



OCEAN QUAHOG

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New York (631) 444-0430  
Pennsylvania (717) 705-7801  
New Jersey (609) 292-7794  
Maryland (800) 688-3467  
Delaware (302) 739-3441 until May 2005  
Virginia (757) 247-2248  
North Carolina (252) 726-7021

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
202-289-6400  
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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
843-571-4366  
http://www.safmc.net

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NOAA Federal Fishing Violations Hotline  
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NOAA Fisheries National Website  
http://www.noaa.gov/fisheries.html

NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office  
978-281-9300  
http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/

NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center  
508-495-2000  
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NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regulations  
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http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot\_res/

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## 2005 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Commercial Management Measures

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SPECIES	FISHING YEAR	INITIAL QUOTA*	SIZE LIMIT	GEAR	RESEARCH SET-ASIDE	REMARKS
(F) Summer Flounder	January 1-December 31	18.18 million pounds	14"	5.5" minimum diamond mesh 6" minimum square mesh	353,917 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Scup	January 1-December 31	12.47 million pounds	9"	5.0" minimum diamond mesh  Gear Restricted Areas: Northern GRA closed from Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Southern GRA closed from Jan. 1-March 15	303,675 pounds	TRIMESTER QUOTAS & TRIP LIMITS: Winter I: January-April - 30,000 pounds per trip reduced to 1,000 pounds when 80% of the quota is projected to be taken; Winter II: 1,500 pounds per trip.
(F) Black Sea Bass	January 1-December 31	4.02 million pounds	11"	4.5" minimum diamond mesh Pots/Traps: circular vents: 2-3/8" square vents: 2" rectangular vents: 1-3/8"x5-3/4"	109,500 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Bluefish	January 1-December 31	10.5 million pounds	none	none	297,750 pounds	State-by-state quotas
(F) Spiny Dogfish	May 1-April 30	4.0 million pounds	none	none	none	QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May-Oct. 2005 - 2,316,000 million pound quota, 600 lb. possession limit. Quota Period II: Nov. 2005-Apr. 2006 - 1,684,000 million pound quota, 300 lb. possession limit.
(F) Long-finned Squid (Loligo)	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 26,000 mt (metric tons)  ABC - 17,000 mt  IOY, DAH, DAP - 16,744.9 mt (16,744.9 mt allocated to quarterly quotas)	none	1.875" minimum diamond mesh	255.1 mt	QUARTERLY QUOTAS: Quarter I: Jan.-Mar. - 5,564.3 mt (33.23%); Quarter II: Apr.-Jun. - 2,948.8 mt (17.61%); Quarter III: Jul.-Sep. - 2,896.9 mt (17.3%); Quarter IV: Oct.-Dec. - 5,334.9 mt (31.86%) When 80% of the directed fishery in Quarters I-III is taken, vessels are restricted to a 2,500 pound trip limit for the remainder of the quarter. When 95% of the annual quota is taken, the directed fishery will be closed and a 2,500 pound trip limit will be in effect for the remainder of the fishing year.
(F) Short-finned Squid (Illex)	January 1-December 31	Max OY, ABC, IOY, DAH, DAP - 24,000 mt	none	none	none	The directed fishery for Illex will remain open until 95% of ABC is taken (22,800 mt). When this landing level is reached, the directed fishery will be closed and a 10,000 pound trip limit will be imposed for the remainder of the fishing year. Non-moratorium vessels may retain up to 10,000 pounds per trip when the directed fishery is open.
(F) Atlantic Mackerel	January 1-December 31	ABC - 335,000 mt  IOY - 115,000 mt  DAH - 115,000 mt  DAP - 100,000 mt  JVP - 0  TALFF - 0	none	none	none	IOY may be increased during the year, but the total ABC will not exceed 335,000 mt.
(F) Butterfish	January 1-December 31	Max OY - 12,175 mt  ABC - 4,545 mt  IOY, DAH, DAP - 1,681 mt	none	3" minimum diamond mesh if in possession of 5,000 lbs or more of butterfish	none	
(F) Surfclams	January 1-December 31	3.40 million bushels	suspended	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ)
(F) Ocean Quahog	January 1-December 31	5.333 million bushels	none	none	none	Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ); Maine Ocean Quahog Quota - 100,000 Maine bushels
(F) Tilefish	November 1-October 31	1.995 million pounds	none	none	none	5% of the total quota is allocated to incidental take and the remaining 95% of the adjusted quota is allocated as follows: Full-Time Tier 1 Permit-66%; Full-Time Tier 2 Permit-15%; Part-Time Permit-19%

\* Quotas not adjusted for prior year overages and/or research set-aside